

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 831

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul Eugene "Gene" Johnson of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Paul Eugene "Gene" Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Gene Johnson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson served with acumen and alacrity for many years with the Tennessee Department of Corrections, in which position he faithfully protected victims' rights, worked to rehabilitate offenders, and ensured justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Gene Johnson grew up in Jasper, Alabama, and, early in life, developed a strong love for his community and country; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering patriotism and commitment to his fellow citizens led him to Vietnam, where he valiantly served with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson remained dedicated to the community through his long and inspiring career in public service; and

WHEREAS, he maintained a strong interest in politics throughout his life and gained the respect of many public leaders who admired his passion for the political process; and

WHEREAS, Gene Johnson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a caring and loving son, he was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Kathryn Johnson; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be forever cherished by his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Shannon Pirtle; his two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Angela Johnson and David and Kathleen Johnson; and his three grandchildren, Davy, Dani, and Debbie Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Paul Eugene "Gene" Johnson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.